

JOSEPH J. METOYER, ADMINISTRATOR.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT
IN THE CASE OF J. J. METOYER, ADMINISTRATOR OF F. AZENOR
METOYER, DECEASED, AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 15, 1903.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be
printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 14, 1903.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. DAVID B. HENDERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 2166. Estate of F. A. Metoyer, deceased, *v.* The United States.]

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that F. A. Metoyer, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

By THE COURT.

Filed June 2, 1902.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 2166. J. J. Metoyer, administrator of the estate of F. Azenor Metoyer, deceased, *v.* The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 10th day of February, 1888.

On a preliminary inquiry the court on the 2d day of June, 1902, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 15th day of December, 1902. Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by George M. Anderson, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States and the duly appointed, qualified, and acting administrator of the estate of F. Azenor Metoyer, deceased; that said decedent was a citizen of the United States, residing in the parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said war the United States military forces, by proper authority, took from said decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$999.50), as follows, to wit:

5 horses, at \$110 each.....	\$550.00
1 horse, at \$80	80.00
1 mule, at \$150.....	150.00
18 sheep, at \$4 each	72.00
2 fat hogs, at \$20 each	40.00
100 barrels corn, at \$1 per barrel	100.00
$\frac{1}{4}$ ton of fodder, at \$30 per ton.....	7.50
Total	999.50

The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT.

There was taken from the claimant's decedent, in the parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States for the use of the Army, property of the kind and character above described, which was then and there reasonably worth the sum of seven hundred and four dollars (\$704), for which no payment appears to have been made.

By THE COURT.

Filed January 5, 1903.

A true copy.

Test this 13th day of January, 1903.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.